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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 32-45 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 32,39,41,42, the prior art of record considered alone or in combination neither anticipates nor renders obvious a radio telephone for use in close proximity to a user comprising transceiver for communicating with a radio telephone network over a network assigned channel; an antenna connected to the transceiver; a controller connected to said transceiver; a user interface connected to said controller; a local communication module, connected to said controller, and a first remote unit adapted to be supported on the person of said user, said remote unit having a transceiver and a controller for receiving and sending information over said first local communication link, said remote unit constructed to allow said user to receive and send information over said local communication link, using time division multiple access with frequency hopping or code controlled multiple access with individual pseudorandom binary sequencing to avoid interference with said radio telephone network communication or with other communications on said local communication link.

The prior art of record provided numerous teachings of a radio telephone for use in close proximity. However, the prior art of record failed to specifically disclose a radio telephone for use in close proximity to a user comprising transceiver for communicating with a radio telephone network over a network assigned channel; an antenna connected to the transceiver; a controller connected to said transceiver; a user interface connected to said controller; a local communication module, connected to said controller, and a first remote unit adapted to be

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supported on the person of said user, said remote unit having a transceiver and a controller for receiving and sending information over said first local communication link, said remote unit constructed to allow said user to receive and send information over said local communication link, using time division multiple access with frequency hopping or code controlled multiple access with individual pseudorandom binary sequencing to avoid interference with said radio telephone network communication or with other communications on said local communication link

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheila B. Smith whose telephone number is (703)305-0104. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on 703-308-4825. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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